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Doucet enters mayor's race

Decided to run two years ago after the original light rail plan was cancelled • High profile councillor has represented Capital Ward since 1997



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Sick of backroom dealing and the unchecked influence of developers, Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet has promised to throw the doors open at city hall if he is elected mayor.

"Listen to what I say. Not by what others say of me. Measure me by what I've done ... Judge me by the positions I've taken."
COUN. CLIVE DOUCET

"Developers have more to say about running the city than your elected officials," said Doucet. "I'm not running to be the developers' go-to guy. I will not run the city behind closed doors."

Too many essential municipal issues, like the cancelling of the north-south light rail, the Terry Fox Extension and the transit strike were debated by council in private, Doucet said. MORE COVERAGE, PAGE 3

Maiden. Bluesfest



▶ Iron Maiden front man Bruce Dickinson.

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Bluesfest off to a rocking start

Iron Maiden's lead singer, Bruce Dickinson, played to an extremely enthusiastic crowd of thousands last night at the opening of Ottawa Bluesfest. Fans had been lining up since 6 a.m. to get the best vantage point for the event. More Bluefest coverage, page 4. More photos at metronews.ca/local

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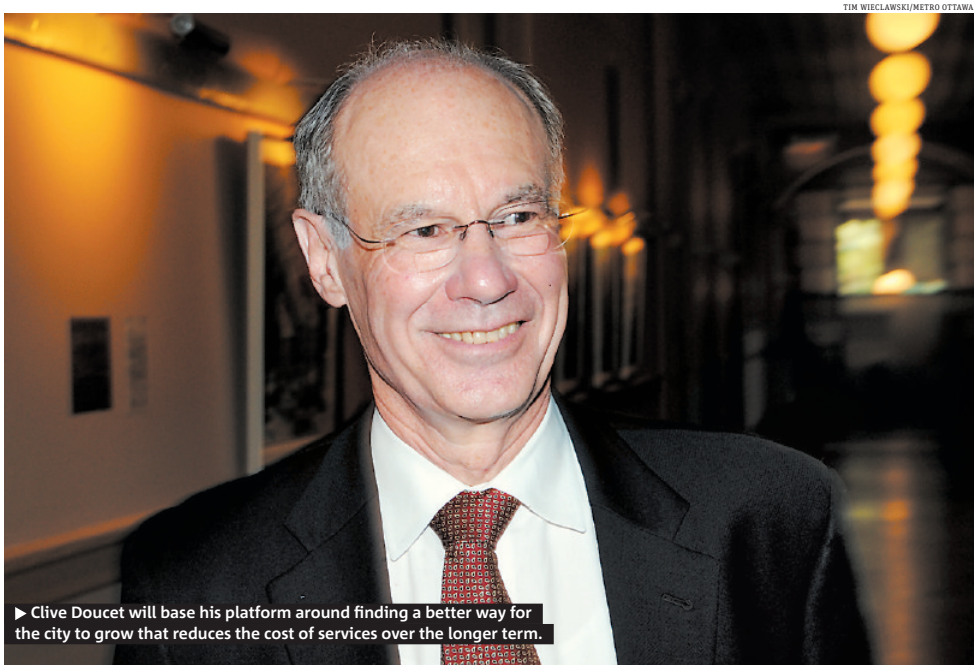
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Message vital in race: Watson

Doucet is the second progressive councillor to run for mayor Decision to run surprised many, says Bob Brocklebank, running to replace Doucet

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA



Clive Doucet will base his platform around finding a better way for the city to grow that reduces the cost of services over the longer term.

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There are similarities between the two councillors now in the mayor's race, but the biggest difference is their approach to the city's rapid transit plan.

"I am ... a strong supporter of this major initiative," said Alex Cullen, registered in January.

"Clive (Doucet is) a vigorous opponent, as he favours the previous north-south plan."

Still, Doucet's will pos-

14 The number of candidates now declared in the mayor's race, although Larry O'Brien has not yet submitted his registration papers.

es a challenge for Cullen, said leading mayoral contender Jim Watson.

"Obviously, they come from the same political spectrum, but with 14 people in the race, it boils down to who can get their message out in the most ... effective way," said Watson.

In the mix

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet has been one of the most high profile councillors during this term.

- **Transit strike** During the first week of the transit strike, Doucet narrowly escaped punishment from city council for suggesting they should agree to arbitration to end the labour dispute.
- **Transit plan** Doucet was one of four councillors to vote against the current rapid transit plan because he believes it costs too much and does not contain enough light rail tracks.
- **Lansdowne** Doucet initiated an international design competition for Lansdowne Park. After it was discreetly cancelled, he led the fight against the Lansdowne Live proposal.
- **Author** Doucet published a book about the politics of cities dealing with climate change called Urban Meltdown: Cities, Climate Change and Politics as Usual.

It's cool to be cool

Jennifer Raby wouldn't normally spend a summer day off at the Ottawa Public Library, but yesterday's heat drove her to it.

As the heat wave in Ottawa continued, residents sought out cool spots at city recreation centres and malls.

"We've definitely noticed an increase in seniors and parents with young kids," said Bernice Rachkowski, marketing director with the St. Laurent Centre.

Ottawa paramedics saw a 10 per cent increase in calls related to hot weather, said spokesman J.P. Trottier. TRACEY TONG

Dutch dreaming of cup glory

It is a moment many Dutch soccer fans have been waiting for their entire lives.

Despite not having played in a final since 1978, The Netherlands are heading back now after beating Uruguay 3-2 yesterday afternoon.

Around Ottawa, venues like the Sala San Marco and the Georgetown Pub were awash in orange as members of the local Dutch community cheered on their team.

Since the Uruguayan community in Ottawa is so small, there were no planned public gatherings for fans. TIM WIECLAWSKI

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Dutch soccer fans at the Sala San Marco yesterday.

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▶ The Mighty Popo has been on the Ottawa music scene since 1988.

Popo's mighty sound

Artist 'respectfully brings his own twist' to 16th-century Rwandan music Won best world album at the Canadian Folk Music Awards



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Popo Murigande has been playing at Bluesfest since the beginning of the festival and since then, has watched it grow.

"I'm thankful that we have a music festival where we can express our art to the city," said the award-winning artist known as The Mighty Popo.

Murigande is bringing his music, which celebrates Rwandan music dating back to the 16th to 19th century, to the free Pop Life Stage in the ByWard Market this Friday.

"Every time I have an opportunity to bring music to the people, I'm thankful for it, he said.

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Free shows set for ByWard Market

6 — days of free programming offered by Bluesfest in the ByWard

For the second year, Ottawa Bluesfest is making music more accessible to the masses with free shows in the heart of the ByWard Market.

Bluesfest in the ByWard is about community, said Bluesfest spokesman Joe Reilly. Lebreton is a great site, said Reilly, but this "is about tapping into a community of music lovers and also trying to animate the community. It's important to keep the event in the core of the community rather than shipping it somewhere else in the city. It's about keeping the heart of the city pumping."

And the market is the perfect place to do it.

"It's a naturally animated and magnetic place and it makes so much sense," he said. "We're taking the energy already in the market and amping it up a bit."

More than 60 acts are performing at seven locations including the Pop Life Stage, the Rideau Centre Acoustic Series Stage and seven bars and clubs.

"When you look at the lineup, it's like a microcosm of Bluesfest that we've opened up for free," he said. Offerings include local, national and international acts like Taj Mahal — "one of the most revered blues guitarists still live," said Reilly — on the closing night of Bluesfest in the ByWard; City In Colour and Wintersleep, "a fantastic" band.

TRACEY TONG

ByWard business looks for big boom

Restaurants, bars and shop owners are looking forward to the business that Bluesfest in the ByWard, free programming scheduled at the Pop Life Stage, the Rideau Centre and five other venues, will bring to the area.

"It's great to bring events like this to the core ... and boost our little economy down here," said Shannon Kennedy, events manager at the Courtyard Restaurant.

After the shows at the Pop Life Stage are done for the evening, Chateau Lafayette is hosting free shows, said assistant manager Dominique Labelle.

"It brings awareness to the market for sure," said Labelle of Bluesfest. "It brings in a lot of people who might not otherwise be in the Market."

TRACEY TONG

Music. Show



▶ Wintersleep performs at Bluesfest for the fourth time this Friday.

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Wintersleep to rock out at Bluesfest

East coast natives and indie rockers Wintersleep is one of more than 60 local, national and international acts performing in the ByWard Market during Bluesfest in the ByWard.

Gunman shoots 6 dead in Egypt bus rampage

- Driver confessed to targeting colleagues on bus
- Rare case of workplace violence in Arab nation

A disgruntled employee of an Egyptian construction company yesterday opened fire on his colleagues, killing six and wounding 16, before surrendering, police and company officials said.

According to police, the gunman, a driver, pulled over the company bus in western Cairo, whipped out an assault rifle and showered his passengers with bullets.

The Arab Contractors company identified the assailant as 53-year-old Mahmoud Sweilam. In a statement issued after the attack, the company said he had hidden his weapon under the bus seat and then turned himself in after the shooting, which took place just 300 metres from company premises.

Effat Abdullah, the company spokesman, said that Sweilam spent 20 years in the company, one of the largest construction companies in Egypt, but declined to comment on a possible motive for the attack.

According to the security official, the gunman appeared to have suffered severe depression after he was transferred to a new position.

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▶ Police stand in front of the bus in which a driver shot dead six workers near Cairo yesterday.

Spain. Sprayed



▶ A woman is sprayed with wine during the opening of the 2010 San Fermin Fiestas yesterday in Pamplona.

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San Fermin Fiestas start in Spain

The European country shrugged of its recent economic woes as thousands packed into Pamplona's main square to spray each other with wine as a firecracker rocket blasted off to start Spain's famous San Fermin bull-running festival.

Priest charged in $1.3M theft

A Connecticut Catholic priest was charged yesterday with stealing $1.3 million US in church money over seven years to use for male escorts, expensive clothing and luxury hotels and restaurants.

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Feds file suit against Arizona

The Obama administration filed suit yesterday against Arizona over its controversial immigration law, making a legal attempt to kill the measures described by President Barack Obama as a serious threat to U.S. civil rights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sarkozy denies secret cash

French President Nicolas Sarkozy denied a report that his 2007 election campaign received $188,000 US in secret donations from France's richest woman, saying the allegations were an effort to smear him.

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U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

Obama touts 'special bond'

President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sought to warm rocky relations yesterday, declaring after a White House meeting that any talk of a rift is unfounded. Obama said the U.S.-Israeli bond is unbreakable.

"The United States is committed to Israel's security," Obama said. "We are committed to that special bond. And we are going to do what's required to back that up, not just with words, but with actions."

Netanyahu said of solving years of strife with Palestinians: "We're committed to that peace. I'm committed to that peace." And he said reports of the demise of the U.S.-Israeli relationship are "flat wrong."

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Someone call Mulder and Scully

Mario Borghezio, a member of the European Parliament, called yesterday for member governments to open their secret files on UFOs, saying people need to know about close encounters of the third kind. He said the EU needs its own X Files archive with information on UFOs.

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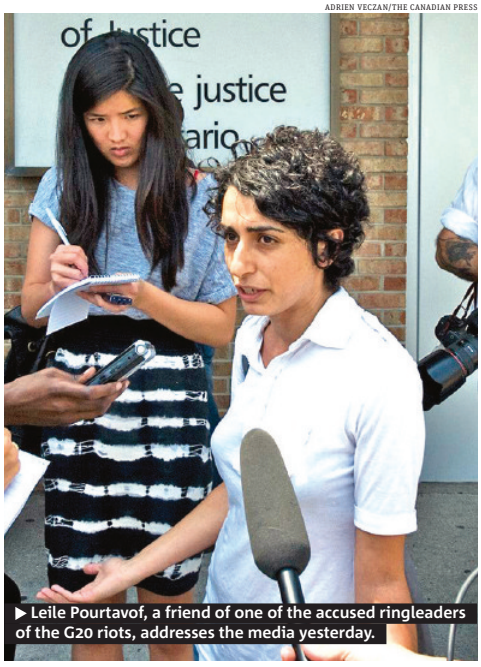
Dam could be trouble in Mexico

About 18,000 people were evacuated yesterday from Ciudad Anahuac, a town in northern Mexico where authorities fear a dam will overflow in the wake of Hurricane Alex. The Venustiano Carranza dam, about 70 kilometres away, has reached capacity after days of heavy rains.

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Police call for civilian review of G20 tactics

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▶ Leile Pourtavof, a friend of one of the accused ringleaders of the G20 riots, addresses the media yesterday.

Probe follows arrest of 900 in security crackdown during protests

The Toronto police services board has called for an independent civilian review of the way that security was handled by police during the G20 summit.

In his recommendation, board chair Alok Mukherjee suggested an impartial civilian overseer chosen to conduct the review.

The yet-to-be-named independent reviewer will be chosen by the seven member board in time for its July 22 meeting.

That individual will then have about 12 weeks to complete the review with the power to question board and police policy and actions relating to G20 security.

The review comes after criticism of police tactics during G20 protests, which saw vandals smash windows and burn police cars.

Toronto police Chief Bill Blair says it would be inappropriate to comment on the board's decision, according to a spokeswoman.

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Voices heard?

Dozens of people attended yesterday's board meeting expecting to have their say.

- **Forum** Many shouted out their protests but were told they had to submit written deputations to the board prior to a public forum.
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Tech mergers may not help customers

They're supposed to improve service, but often do the opposite **Customers can get lost in the shuffle**

The world's largest technology companies have been on a buying spree, spending billions to snap up smaller companies. And often the buyers say they're doing it for their customers — businesses, hospitals, schools and government agencies.

As tech companies get bigger, they say, they can offer a broader variety of products and make it easier for their customers.

Yet if you ask the customers, you hear a different story. Often they get new headaches with multibillion-dollar deals by the likes of Oracle, IBM and Hewlett-Packard. When you add the challenges that come with any corporate acquisition, it's not hard to envision a reverse trend eventually building: a drive to split up tech companies that have grown too large.

"When the smaller guys are gobbled up by bigger guys, in theory it's supposed to be better, but in our experience it's been worse,"
LARRY BONFANTE, CEO, U.S. TENNIS ASSOC.

Larry Bonfante, chief information officer of the United States Tennis Association, started battling recently with one of his suppliers, which supports USTA's computer applications and runs its help desk. Bonfante won't name the company but says it was bought a year ago by a large, publicly traded company. "Our service and our relationship with that company since then has gone absolutely into the tank," Bonfante says.

Technology companies have spent more than $350 billion buying other companies worldwide over the past 3 years, according to Capital IQ, a division of Standard & Poor's.

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Chapters, Indigo expanding products

Book lovers should expect to see more toys, teapots and trinkets in Indigo stores as the company diversifies its in-store product mix to adapt to a growing trend towards downloadable e-books.

Indigo, which operates as Indigo, Chapters and Coles, is planning a transformation that will see it operate as "the world's first cultural department store," CEO Heather Reisman told the company's annual meeting yesterday.

Reisman said she believes there will always be customers who prefer bricks-and-mortar stores to online ordering or reading in digital format. Though Indigo itself has moved to tap into the digital market with the recent launch of its Kobo e-reader, Reisman said many customers still crave a tangible, human experience.

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Sweden. Protest



▶ Feminist Initiative leader Gudrun Schyman sets a wad of money ablaze in Visby, Sweden, yesterday.

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Women heated over pay

Protesters burned 100,000 kronor (13,800) — the amount Swedish women miss out every minute in comparison to men — in rally against unequal pay for men and women in Sweden yesterday.

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THE END IS NIGH. NOW PASS THE MUSTARD

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



Greed is not good.

Look where it gets us. Not to sound like an Old Testament prophet, but unless we change our ways — and soon — the end is near.

If you don't believe me — there's a respected Wall Street technical analyst who has read the signs and warns the Dow Jones Industrial Average is about to shrink below 1,000, or 9,000 points less than it is today.

At the same time, wildlife is coughing up tarballs from Galveston to Sarasota, and the Arctic is melting.

The signs aren't good.

Nonetheless, wretched excess is alive and well, and if recent events indicate, it recognizes no class boundaries. In short, there is no class.

The Queen, for example, spent the weekend at places and events with her name on them: The Queen's Plate and Queen's Park, wearing a couple of selections from the Royal Hat Collection. She has 500 hats. I can understand one for the sun, one for the rain and one for the cold, but 500? At a time when the U.K. is suffering through the longest recession in its history (and that's some history), the Queen's hat budget needs to be trimmed. She should endure the same cuts as the rest of the government, 25 per cent across the board, requiring her to take 125 hats to the Goodwill. Off with her hats!

"My point is simple: No one gets it. From the highest to the lowest, we're cruisin' for a correction."

The ruling class is not alone in its unclassy behaviour. Wretched excess is alive and well at the trailer park end of the spectrum, too. How else to explain the annual spectacle of Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest, held every July 4, a great American tradition? This year's winner, for the fourth year running, was Joey (Jaws) Chestnut, who managed to choke down 54 dogs in 10 minutes. It was not a pretty sight — but that did not deter thousands of people from turning up to watch in 40 degree heat.

Jaws was disappointed: He was reaching for a record 70 dogs in the allotted 10 minutes. Last year, in more temperate conditions, he downed 68. His arch rival, the world's No. 3 ranked glutton, Takeru Kobayashi, who sat out this year's contest due to a contract dispute with Major League Eating, crashed the stage and threatened to give the crowd a free demonstration of virtuoso hotdog eating.

The NYPD carted Kobi off to jail and Jaws took the Mustard Belt home for another year. I am not making this up.

My point is simple: No one gets it. From the highest to the lowest, we're cruisin' for a correction.

Meanwhile, pass the mustard.

Cartoon



Noteworthy

Octopus predicts Spanish victory

The eight-legged oracle has spoken: Paul the octopus says Spain will sink Germany in their World Cup semifinal. The floppy soccer fan from Oberhausen's Sea Life Aquarium chose a mussel from a glass tank marked with a Spanish flag yesterday and ignored a tank emblazoned with Germany's colours, spokesman Daniel Fey said.

Amid intense anticipation of today's game, the eight-legged expert's pick was carried live by two national all-news television stations.

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MPs and their side jobs

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Should MPs be allowed to moonlight?

TORONTO. Yes, MPs should be allowed to have their own business. But if they have a business or other job and are also an MP, they should only be paid a part-time salary.

If they have other interests besides serving the public let their wage also reflect their split interests. That's how we will get this economy back on the right track. Stop gouging the public (i.e., HST).

JAMES BROWN

We asked: Who will win the World Cup?

EDMONTON. This World Cup is already determined by the numbers:

1. Brazil won the World Cup in 1994; before that it also won in 1970. Adding 1970 + 1994 = 3,964.

2. Argentina won its last World Cup in 1986; it also won in 1978. Adding 1978 + 1986 = 3,964.

3. Germany won its last World Cup in 1990; it also won in 1974. Adding 1974 + 1990 = 3,964.

4. Therefore, if you want to know what nation is going to win the World Cup in 2010, you only have to subtract 2010 from the magic number we have determined: 3,964. 3,964 minus 2010 = 1954.

In 1954, the World Cup was won by Germany. Probably not scientific, but pretty interesting.

SHARAN PAL SANDHU

Speaking out

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Metro Minute along Rideau Canal

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▶ The Rideau Canal is a popular place for cyclists.

Yes, it's hot, but nothing says summer like a run, walk or bike ride along the Rideau Canal.

The canal, which opened in 1832 and runs 202 kilometres to Kingston, may be a boater's paradise, attracting pleasure boats from across North America, but it's also a haven for runners and cyclists, taking Ottawans through downtown, uOttawa and neighbourhoods like the Glebe

The Rideau Canal is a National Historic Site of Canada, a Canadian Heritage River, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

If you do make it downtown to where the canal meets the Ottawa River, check out the locks system. ● TRACEY TONG

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Swede turns up heat

The second installment of the popular Millenium Trilogy novels The Girl Who Played With Fire hits theatres ◗ Series a global phenomenon ◗ Lisbeth not your average Hollywood heroine

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▶ Noomi Rapace stars as Lisbeth Salander in The Girl Who Played With Fire.

Who could have forseen that a series of posthumously published Swedish mystery thrillers centered around a borderline insane, kickboxing, bisexual, computer-hacking super genius street punk running around Stockholm solving sex crimes would become one of the biggest literary and cinematic franchises of the decade?

But the late Stieg Larrsson's Millennium Trilogy and their juggernaut film adaptations have accomplished just such a feat. Scandinavian entertainments that Americans are going gaga for in all their media incarnations.

This week, the middle chapter of the series, The Girl Who Played With Fire opens in select North American cities. And, although there's a new director on board for both this installment, the film's central character Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace) remains one of the silver screens most arresting female presences.

"Lisbeth is a magnificent creature," says Fire director Daniel Alfredson.

"She's both human and superhuman. She does things we wish we could do at the worst of times but she's also vulnerable."

Fire sees Lisbeth back in action a year after the events of the first film. Reporter Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist) still pines for his former lover and partner, and — when she's framed for a rash of murders — it's up to Blomkvist to rescue his damsel. Though, with her lethal abilities, she does a good job fending for herself.

"She's had a very rough time," Alfredson says of the character.

"She has had a horrible upbringing, horrible things happened to her and you learn about some of them here and some in the final chapter (The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nes, due out later this year). So when she reacts violently or crazy to a situation, she has her reasons…"

Like its predecessor, the film is as sexually charged as it is ultra violent, especially during an extended, animalistic same-sex encounter that will no doubt leave audiences goggle eyed.

"The sex needed to be there," Alfredson believes.

"It happens early in the film and it was important to have Lisbeth have extreme pleasure and a human connection before her entire world falls apart again, which it most certainly does."

8,000,000
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, the first novel in the Millennium trilogy on which the films are based, has sold over 8 million copies, breaking records for international sales.

Background

- **Millennium Trilogy** author Stieg Larsson never lived to see his work reach the screen, or even published for that matter. He died of a heart attack soon after submitting his manuscripts.
- **The film version** of The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo remains the highest grossing Swedish film of all time, and an American remake — with Seven director David Fincher attached — has been announced.

2 scene

The connection



Brad Pitt is rumoured to be sought to play investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist in the Hollywood version of the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.
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Scan for code for news on how the Bachelor breakup shows the ugly side of public splits







Vampire books pack serious bite

Vampire Diaries author L.J. Smith explains what makes her vampires different ◗ Fanged ones have become more 'romantic' over time

MARIE MORIZOT
METRO FRANCE

The world's current fascination for all things vampire is good news for Californian author L.J. Smith, whose gothic output includes The Vampire Diaries and Night World series of novels.

Where do you draw inspiration from?

I'm not sure where I find inspiration for my characters, especially my bad boys. Maybe they come from a part of my unconscious. I love bad boys best and Gabriel is a prime example. I wanted to do a vampire that didn't suck blood, but took energy directly. He was fun to write.



Why did you become a writer?

I was making up stories when I was 5 years old. As far back as I can remember, I have wanted to write stories and to hear about the reactions of people who read them.

How long does it take to write one of your books ?

Well, I wrote the first three Vampire Diaries books in nine months! Just three months for each book. But those were short books, and today I write 600-page books. Now it takes me at least six or seven months per book.

"I think that over time vampires have become romanticized."
L.J. SMITH, AUTHOR

Have vampires changed over time?

Well, if you go back to the first vampire, Dracula, by Bram Stoker, he was cruel and evil and not really very romantic. I think that over time vampires have become romanticized, and each writer adds little rules for their own special vampires. For instance, I have my vampires wear lapis lazuli to protect them from the sun, and they are not afraid of garlic.

Why did you stop writing for 10 years?

This is a sad question for me. I was just starting to write Strange Fate, a book in the Night World series when my brother in law got Stage IV cancer. I helped my sister and her two small children for 8 years and I found that with all the horror that was going on in my family I could not write. After that, my mother got lung cancer and passed away. I call her my guardian angel because after her death I began to write again.



▶ This trio of attractive underworld dwellers sprang from the imagination of author L.J. Smith



News in brief

Glam squad

TV. Former Citytv entertainment reporter Liz West hosts the new series Rags to Red Carpet, which gives Hollywood-worthy makeovers to unsuspecting women. As with the American series What Not to Wear, the subjects are convinced to participate after seeing undercover video footage of themselves walking the streets in their habitually dowdy duds. (Cosmo TV)

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Current affairs

DOC. The documentary series Currents is airing The Nanny Business, about caregivers from primarily the Philippines in Canada who allege to be victims of fraud, exploitation and abuse. (Global)

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Tom Felton On the way to the habbo hotel! My cabbies never heard of it though, think he's lost.

Gaga beats Obama in friends primary

Flamboyant singing sensation the first living person to exceed 10 million fans on a social network

When it comes to friends, at least those of the Facebook brand, it seems Lady Gaga has more than any living person – over 10 million of them.

The singer, who's been charting a new course for pop culture, has become the first living person to reach, and apparently quickly exceed, 10 million friends on the popular social networking website.

That, according to various reports, is about 700,000 more than U.S. President Barack Obama.

The 24-year-old music and media sensation formerly known as Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, is currently in the midst of her enormously successful Monster Ball Tour.

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▶ Officially more popular than you

Kelsey sets the record straight

Kelsey Grammer is fighting back against accusations that his failure to call his kids on Father's Day is what finally convinced his wife, Camille Donatacci Grammer, to file for divorce.

"The truth is I did call my kids that evening," he says on his website. "Frankly, I was surprised that they did not call me in the morning."

The former Frasier star also took issue with a report that he'd been out on a date with a mystery blonde, who turned out to be his daughter from a previous marriage. "I do take issue with the characterization that we were smooching but surely if that were the case then even I admit it might be newsworthy in some fashion," he says.

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13 years. Grammer and wife Camille have been married since 1997. The couple has two children.

Lohan 'cast' in prison stint

A judge yesterday found Lindsay Lohan in violation of probation in a 2007 drug case after prosecutors said she failed to attend court-ordered alcohol education classes.

She was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

The ruling came during a hearing set for the Mean Girls star after she missed a court date in May. She has been required to wear an ankle alcohol monitor since then.

Lohan was promoting a film project at the time at the Cannes Film Festival and claimed her passport was stolen. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cancelled Diddy show a 'didn't'

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▶ Ladies and gentlemen, please do not feed the ego

Rowdy crowds waiting in line for a July Fourth pool party featuring Sean "Diddy" Combs forced the event to be shut down before the rap and fashion mogul had a chance to enter.

Police shut down the party early yesterday, forcing some 1,800 guests out of the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City nightclub known as The Pool.

Casino staff said that the actual crowd was not nearly that large but that they decided to cancel the event in the name of safety. "Because of the large response on the 4th, we made a proactive decision to postpone the originally scheduled nightlife activities," said Jay Snowden, the casino's senior vice-president and general manager, in a statement.

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George in custody

George Michael found himself in police custody again recently.

The singer was declared unfit to drive after he smashed his Range Rover into London shop, according to the Sun.

The accident reportedly took place as Michael was driving home from London's Gay Pride parade. "A man in his 40s was arrested on suspicion of being unfit to drive," a police spokesman tells the newspaper. METRO WORLD NEWS

Talking points

Clooney's court date

IT'S LIKE THE OSCARS OF THE JUDICIARY WORLD. George Clooney is being called to testify in Milan for the trial of three people accused of using his name for a fashion line, according to the ANSA news agency. "There will be a lot of people, I imagine," judge Pietro Caccialanza says, who adds that extra security has been ordered.

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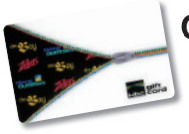
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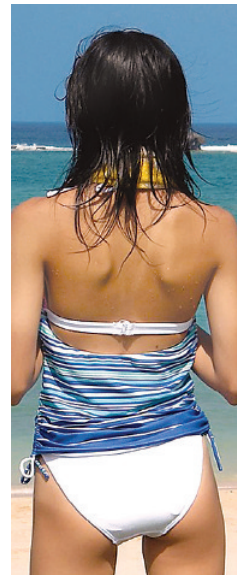
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By the numbers

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▶ A young girl takes part in an interactive exhibit at the Canada Science and Technology Museum

Science and technology take centre stage at innovative museum

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Canadian society changes quickly, but sometimes the changes are so subtle people tend to take that transformation for granted.

A visit to the Canada Science and Technology Museum can be a good reminder of how different world has become since Canada became a nation.

The museum is the largest of its kind devoted to the study of the transformation of Canada.

Hundreds of interactive displays allow the visitors to push buttons, turn dials, and pull levers as they get hands-on experience of how science and technology shapes our daily lives.

The exhibits at the museum not only cover the scientific and technological advancement, but also the search for new knowledge and finding new and better ways of doing basic human activities.

The focus is to help people understand who how things work and all the factors that have contributed to the transformation of Canada, such as scientific principles and physical properties.

Canada in space

- The largest exhibition at the Canada Science and Technology Museum is Canada in Space: Destination Earth. It tells the story of the leading role Canada played in developing space science and technology and shows the Canadian accomplishments during the last 36 years.
- It took six years to research, design and produce the 16,000 sq. ft. exhibition.
- Artifacts in the exhibit include Marc Garneau's space suit, engineering models of the Alouette, ISIS, Hermes satellites and actual experimental payloads that have flown hundreds of kilometres above Earth.
- Visitors to the exhibit will learn about Canada's contribution to humans getting into space and the communication and research technology we contributed to the continued human presence outside earth.

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Celebrating Canadian innovation

Canada has been on the leading edge of many technological innovations, from commercial inventions like the Jolly Jumper, Pablum, IMAX and Muskol, to world-changing developments like the telephone and the world's first electronic keyboard.

Visitors to the museum will be able to learn about more than 100 of these in the Innovation Canada exhibit.

The exhibit introduces people to medical pioneers like Wilder G. Penfield, who mapped the human brain, and George Klein, who developed a system for reconnecting arteries, a battery-powered wheelchair and the STEM antenna.

It also profiles barrier-breaking Canadians like Elsie MacGill, who was the first female to receive a degree in electrical engineering. TIM WIECLAWKSI

The family picnic: Served with love

Want your kids to get the most out of your summer picnic? Just make sure there's plenty of love on the menu.

Children crave the attention of their parents and need their affection more than they need the distraction of cartoons or video games, and the bonding that comes with regular family meals is a positive influence for them.

Keeping kids healthy depends on a recipe combining healthy eating with regular exercise with plenty of parental attention on the side. Here are some fun tips when planning your next family picnic:

1. As a family, visit the local market and choose ingredients for a nutritious and delicious meal. Prepare a shopping list together ahead of time focusing on healthy ingredients.
2. Involve kids in the preparation. Let them wash the fruit and vegetables or prepare the salad.
3. After the meal, engage in some fun-filled family activities, like hide-and-seek or a game of tag.

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Ingredients :

- 4 eggs
- (1/3 cup) milk (whole, 2% or low fat)
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 8 slices Calabrese or country-style bread
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 4 oz Fontina cheese, grated (about 1/3 cup)
- 4 slices thick-cut (about 1/8-inch) deli turkey breast
- 4 fresh apricots, pitted and thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, more if cooking in batches
- icing sugar, for garnish

Topped with turkey, cheese and apricots (though if you don't have apricots handy, try apricot or fig preserve), the sweetness of the fruit, paired with the savoury turkey and slightly salty cheese is a deliciously mouthwatering combination.

Preparation:

1. In a shallow dish, whisk together eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Set aside.
2. Lay 4 slices of bread on a clean work surface and spread top-side of each with a thin layer of mustard. Top each slice with cheese, turkey and another layer of cheese. Arrange apricot slices in an even layer on top and sandwich with remaining bread. Press down slightly on each sandwich.
3. Dip each sandwich into egg mixture, turning to coat all sides.
4. Working in batches as necessary, melt butter until foamy in a large non-stick skillet set over medium-low heat.
5. Place sandwiches in skillet, cover and cook until bottom is golden brown, about three minutes. Flip sandwiches over, cover and continue to cook until cheese is melted and bottom is golden brown, about four minutes. Remove from pan.

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News in brief

Booming U.S. enrolment leads to cuts in marketing

EDUCATION Several American community colleges have reduced their advertising budgets because they don't have any trouble recruiting students, especially with the poor economy helping to drive up enrolment reports Inside Higher Ed. Florida-based Brevard Community College, where enrolment has grown by a third in the last three years, cut its advertising budget by 62 per cent this fiscal year. One college president told Inside Higher Ed they are not worried about the lavish advertising spending by for-profit counterpart schools because in their view if they have a terrific product, they wouldn't need to advertise so much.

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Twitter doesn't mix with college

EDUCATION Twitter is more popular with admissions officers than it is with students, according to a recent study by The Chronical of Higher Learning. A survey of 200 prospective students and 70 admissions offices found that while 40 per cent of college admissions offices are active on Twitter, just 15 per cent of prospective students expressed interest in using Twitter to learn about colleges. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dawson to tackle violence

CONFERENCE Dawson College and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges will stage an international conference on school violence at Dawson in September 2011, which will coincide with the fifth anniversary of the shooting at the Montreal CÉGEP, the Montreal Gazette reports.

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N.L. gets $14M for fisheries

MONEY The Newfoundland and Labrador government announced last week a $14-million investment to expand long-term fisheries science capabilities for the province. The government is investing in a suite of new fisheries science research programs, including the creation of a new Centre for Fisheries Ecosystems Research.

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Hanging out off the clock

For co-workers who clock a lot of overtime together, the border between colleagues and amigos can slacken, or dissappear altogether

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▶ Author Pamela Skillings suggests escaping the after-hours getaways every so often.

DREW HINSHAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

It's good and natural that folks who work, collaborate and trod the extra mile together often also hang together, career counsellors say. But beware, they say, of the limitations of a work friendship, as the work part has its way of spoiling the friendship.

The danger is acutely present in small, claustrophobic businesses — where chances for advancement are few and coveted — or in sales departments, where the contest for commissions can curdle a mutual trust.

But in any professional environment, workplace relationship expert Courtney Anderson urges employees to be realistic about the friendships they take on.

"I don't know why people forget the difference between work friends and real friends, but they do," she says. "To me, it's simple. If you met these people at work, they're a work friend."

Clearing personal space between office buddies can be a job of its own — after all, you work together. A slip-out-of-lunch card like, "I have a lot of work to do," may fall flat.

> **"Open it up to more of a group effort. That's more of a team event, instead of the same two people gossiping every day at lunch."**
> PAMELA SKILLINGS

Nonetheless, Escape From Corporate America author Pamela Skillings suggests you occasionally escape the after-hours getaway — running errands or laps at the gym are inoffensive alternatives. If need be, she offers, invite co-workers who don't usually come out.

"Open it up to more of a group effort," she says. "That's more of a team event, instead of the same two people gossiping every day at lunch."

Anderson agrees, and adds that work friends on lunch break should keep the conversation upbeat, and minimize any slander aimed at other colleagues.

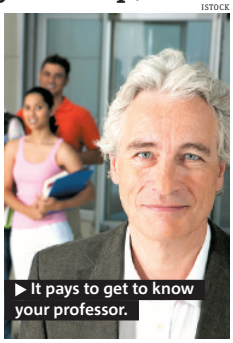
"Talk about American Idol — regular, innocuous stuff," she advises.

Don't just stare, get to know your professor

Making a connection with your professor can help push your grades up, and it's up to you

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▶ It pays to get to know your professor.

Over the last year, connections between undergrads and faculty are being more and more scrutinized, as number of studies — both scientific and informal — have all pointed to the same thing: Students learn and achieve more, when they have a relationship with their professor.

"If a student gets to know the professor outside of class, it helps them within the classroom," says Dr. Tod W. Burke, a professor at Radford University. "Not only does the student wish to please the professor, but the student begins to feel they will be letting them down if they do not do their best work."

Professors don't seem surprised by the recent finding. In communicating with a cross-section of more than 30 professors, most say that when a personal relationship is fostered with a student, they too feel a greater sense of accountability. And this often has an effect on grades.

"If a student has an 89.3 average and is engaging in class, it's natural to give that person the benefit of the doubt and bump it to an A," says John Mooney, a professor at Berkeley College's Manhattan campus.

The perfect tactic? Bring a rough version of an assignment during office hours. Try to determine if you're on the right track before handing it in.

Getting away with watching the game at work

With the World Cup now in the semi-finals the urge to watch while you work should be rising. Here's some tips courtesy of Molson on how to do it, and get away with it.

• Stream the game on your mobile device. Carefully position it on your lap so you can nonchalantly glance at the game while working;

• Schedule offsite lunch meeting with clients and colleagues and treat them to a World Cup experience;

• Propose undertaking market research for your company, documenting what fans are doing, thinking, wearing, and drinking during the game;

• Hook up a second monitor to your work computer. One screen for work related tasks and the other to watch the game;

• What's football without a pint? Enjoy an office-proof pint during the game like Molson Canadian 67, which has only 67 calories and three per cent alc./vol.

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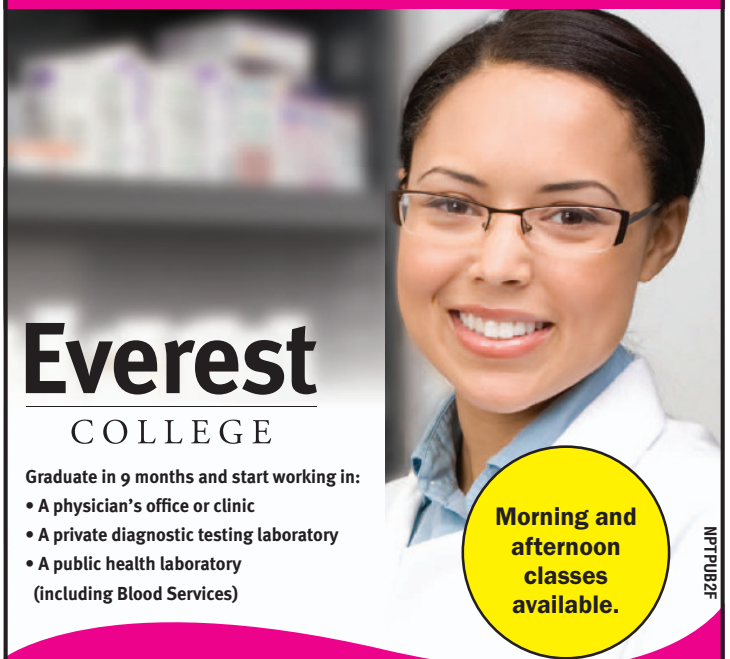
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Dutch in final

Netherlands head to World Cup final ◆ Team to play winner of Spain-Germany match

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The Netherlands is in the World Cup final.

Dutch stars Wesley Sneijder and Arjen Robben scored three minutes apart in the second half as the Netherlands beat Uruguay 3-2 yesterday to advance to its first championship match since losing in 1978 to Argentina.

"We are so close," Sneijder said. "There is nothing bigger than the World Cup."

Winners of all six games in South Africa, the Oranje will face either Germany or Spain in Sunday's title game at Soccer City in Johannesburg. The Netherlands lost its other appearance in the final, to West Germany in 1974.

Both of those title-game defeats came during the golden period of Dutch soccer, and in the opposition's homeland. No such worries this time, and no country outside of Africa has had as much fan support as the Netherlands.

Inside Green Point Stadium it looked like a Florida orange grove. Outside, a Netherlands fan in a blue-and-white bodysuit stood on stilts and played a vuvuzela — badly. It was about the only thing that didn't measure up for the Dutch.

And a tournament that looked like a South American fiesta early on will end in a European showdown for the second straight World Cup. Sneijder and Robben made sure of that.

"This is unforgettable," said Sneijder, now tied with Spain's David Villa for top scorer at the tournament (five goals). "It was a tough fight and toward the end we complicated matters.

"Sunday we play in the World Cup final. I have to get used to that."

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▶ Wesley Sneijder, top, celebrates with his teammates yesterday after a Netherlands goal.

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Tiger turns curt with probing reporters

After another warm welcome from the Irish public, Tiger Woods became dismissive at a news conference yesterday when asked about his state of mind since the sex scandal that's wrecked his marriage.

Woods was questioned following his 3-under-par 69 in his final round of the charity J.P. McManus Invitational Pro-Am, his first foreign appearance since the turmoil.

When asked whether his liaisons with other women had been "worth it" since it cost him his marriage and endorsements, Woods replied, "I think you're looking too deep into this." He torpedoed the followup question with an icily firm "Thank you."

Woods is returning immediately to his Florida home rather than heading to Scotland to prepare for next week's British Open at St. Andrews, one of his favourite courses and where he won Opens in 2000 and 2005. Once the subject was broached, the previously easy-speaking Woods flipped a switch into staccato half-sentences.

How will you prepare? "Practising."

Where? "Home."

Why not try to play some links in Scotland beforehand? "I need to get home." Silence.

Why? "See my kids."

When asked again whether he was finding personal worries overshadowing his game, Woods clearly had enough.

"Everything's working itself out," he said.

Out on the Adare Manor Golf Course, Woods felt nothing but love and admiration from the more than 20,000 fans who lined the course five-deep to watch his every drive, approach shot and putt.

Armed with a full night's sleep, Woods breezed through a course that had befuddled him Monday, when he shot a 7-over 79 to fall near the bottom of the field of 54 professionals.

His Irish caddie, Arthur Pierse, said Woods was exhausted Monday after flying overnight following the AT&T National outside Philadelphia, where he finished 46th. He climbed back into the middle of the pack yesterday.

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▶ Tiger Woods reacts after playing out of the bunker on the 8th hole at Adare Manor, Limerick, Ireland.

Wells trotting all the way to derby

Blue Jays outfielder to participate in home run contest during all-star festivities ◗ Teammate Bautista, who leads league in homers, not invited

Vernon Wells is one of the four American League representatives for next week's home run derby, while Toronto Blue Jays teammate Jose Bautista, the loop's long ball leader, is not.

The announcement was made yesterday by Major League Baseball, which also said Detroit's Miguel Cabrera, Boston's David Ortiz and Robinson Cano of the Yankees will take part for the AL.

Matt Holliday of the St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee's Corey Hart will swing for the National League, with two more representatives to be named later.

Wells, who sat out yesterday's game against the Minnesota Twins with a stomach illness and wasn't available for comment, has 19 homers this season.

Bautista and Cincinnati's Joey Votto of Toronto began the day tied for the major-league lead with 21.

Asked if he had been invited, Bautista replied "not yet" and seemed unfazed by word that Wells had been chosen.

But manager Cito Gaston seemed surprised by the news, apparently under the impression that both his players would be going.

Either way, Gaston has no concerns about having one of his key hitters take part in Monday's derby, an event some past participants have blamed for messing up their swings.

"Let those guys go and have a good time," said Gaston.

"Who knows if you're going to get back there again, so enjoy the whole thing."

After all, he quipped, trying to hit a home run on every swing is "pretty much what they've been doing anyway."

Bautista has taken part in home run derbies before, coming second to Ryan Howard in single-A and finishing third in double-A. Wells will make his derby debut.

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Help from a friend

Justin Morneau wants Canadians to help make Joey Votto an all-star.

- The Minnesota Twins slugger from New Westminster, B.C., is urging the country's baseball fans to give the Cincinnati Reds first baseman from Toronto a northern push in voting for the final spot on the National League all-star team.
- Votto was left off the NL roster when the teams were announced, but was added to the ballot allowing fans to choose the last player for each team at the midsummer classic.

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▶ Blue Jays slugger Vernon Wells circles the bases after a home run at Rogers Centre earlier this year.



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Good enough to be a final

Germany seeks revenge against Spain in classic semifinal match

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Sounds like a great World Cup final.

Too bad it will be the semifinals when Germany and Spain face off today at Moses Mabhida Stadium, with many expecting the winner to go on and be crowned world champion four days later. The Spain-Germany winner will play the Netherlands in the final.

"This would have been a great final, actually," Germany's Lukas Podolski said yesterday. "We want revenge for 2008. When you are in a final you want to win. We still think about that defeat, and it still hurts. We want to reach the final and we'll do all we can to achieve that."

There's a game in every World Cup that comes a round or two too soon, and Germany-Spain definitely qualifies.

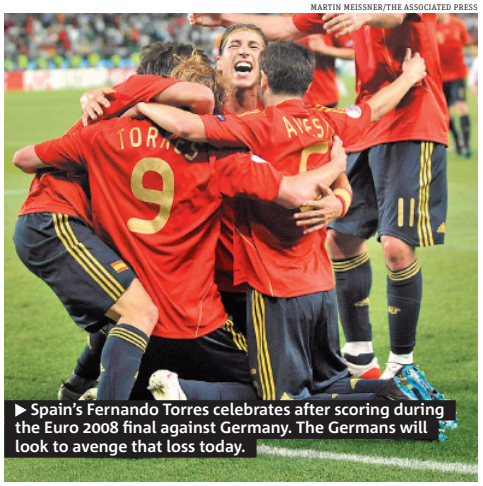
Spain has lost all of two games since November 2006, and it ended a 44-year major title drought when it beat Germany to win the European Championship in 2008. David Villa shares the scoring lead at this World Cup with Wesley Sneijder (five goals), and the Spanish defence hasn't allowed a goal in the knockout stage.

Germany, meanwhile, made old rivals England and Argentina look downright silly in their knockout round games, routing them by a combined score of 8-1 to reach a third straight World Cup semifinal.

Miroslav Klose has regained his old form and, with two goals against Argentina, moved into a tie with Gerd Mueller for second place on the all-time scoring list.

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▶ Spain's Fernando Torres celebrates after scoring during the Euro 2008 final against Germany. The Germans will look to avenge that loss today.

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Germany has played seven World Cup finals and won three of them. Spain has never reached the final and has never beaten Germany in the World Cup.

Sports in brief

Probert funeral set for Friday

HOCKEY. A funeral for former NHL forward Bob Probert will be held in Windsor, Ont., on Friday.

Probert, one of the most feared fighters of his generation, died Monday after collapsing while boating with his family. He was 45.

An autopsy was conducted yesterday and foul play is not suspected, according to a release from the Ontario Provincial Police's Essex County detachment. Autopsy results were not released.

His funeral is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. ET Friday at the Windsor Christian Fellowship church.

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Tour honours aggression

CYCLING. Canadian Ryder Hesjedal got to climb the podium yesterday at the Tour de France, but it wasn't quite the accolade he was after.

The 29-year-old from Victoria was honoured as the most aggressive rider in Stage 3 after a fourth-place finish.

Hesjedal launched a breakaway from the field some 13 kilometres into the 213-kilometre ride from Wanze Arenberg to Porte du Hainaut and led the way until he was caught by a group of elite riders near the end.

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Rutledge leads Canadian PGA event

GOLF. Jim Rutledge of Victoria shot a 5-under 67 to take the first-round lead at the Canadian PGA Seniors' Championship.

Craig Marseilles of Maple, Ont., was one shot back at 68 while Champions Tour player Rod Spittle of Niagara Falls, Ont., was two off the pace at 69.

Rutledge was 1 under after the first nine holes at RattleSnake Point.

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Avalon adds pizzazz

Toyota breaks the mould for its flagship sedan and revamps the 2011 model to attract younger buyers ◆ Lorne Drury gives the lowdown on the power and cool of the new Avalon

5 drive



Smooth and soft

HANDLING On the road, the Avalon presents a smooth, comfortable, soft ride. This is a family entry-luxury sedan and not a sport sedan, so the ride and handling is similar to competitors such as the Hyundai Genesis and Buick Lucerne.

41,100
The new Avalon offers a better overall package than before at a more reasonable price — $41,100.

Power like Camry

UNDER THE HOOD Power for this front-wheel drive vehicle comes from a 24-valve, 3.5-litre DOHC V6 engine, making 268 hp and 248 lb/ft of torque. This is the same engine offered in the upscale Camry models. The V6 is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

Plenty of room

INTERIOR Inside, one of the highlights of the Avalon is the amount of rear seat legroom. Three passengers fit comfortably in the rear seats and the wide door openings and flat floor area make entry and exit a breeze.

Sipping gas

FUEL ECONOMY The Avalon is rated by Natural Resources Canada at 10.6L/100 km (27 mpg) city and 6.8L/100 km (42 mpg) highway for a combined 8.9L/100 km (32 mpg).

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Swift + got price appeal

Suzuki model known for fuel economy If you want a car with no frills, then this car is for you

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Engineered almost solely for bottom-line pricing and good fuel economy, the Suzuki Swift + is a more common machine than you might think. Though it wears the badge of Japan's smallest auto manufacturer, the Swift + was re-badged for sale to Canadians as both the Chevrolet Aveo and Pontiac Wave. Beyond that, the actual platform for all three vehicles was from a Korean-made Daewoo model called the Kalos.

The last generation of the Swift + / Aveo / Wave was available to Canadians from 2004 to 2008 in both five-door hatchback and four-door sedan body styles.

Look for goodies like body-coloured accents, heated mirrors, fog-lamps, air conditioning, remote entry and a six-speaker stereo on the standard or optional equipment lists depending on the model you're considering.

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▶ The Suzuki Swift + is a great car for students and others on a meagre budget.

Suzuki Swift +

- **MODEL YEARS** 2004-08
- **VEHICLE TYPE** Compact sedan/five-door
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $5,000-7,000

What Owners Like

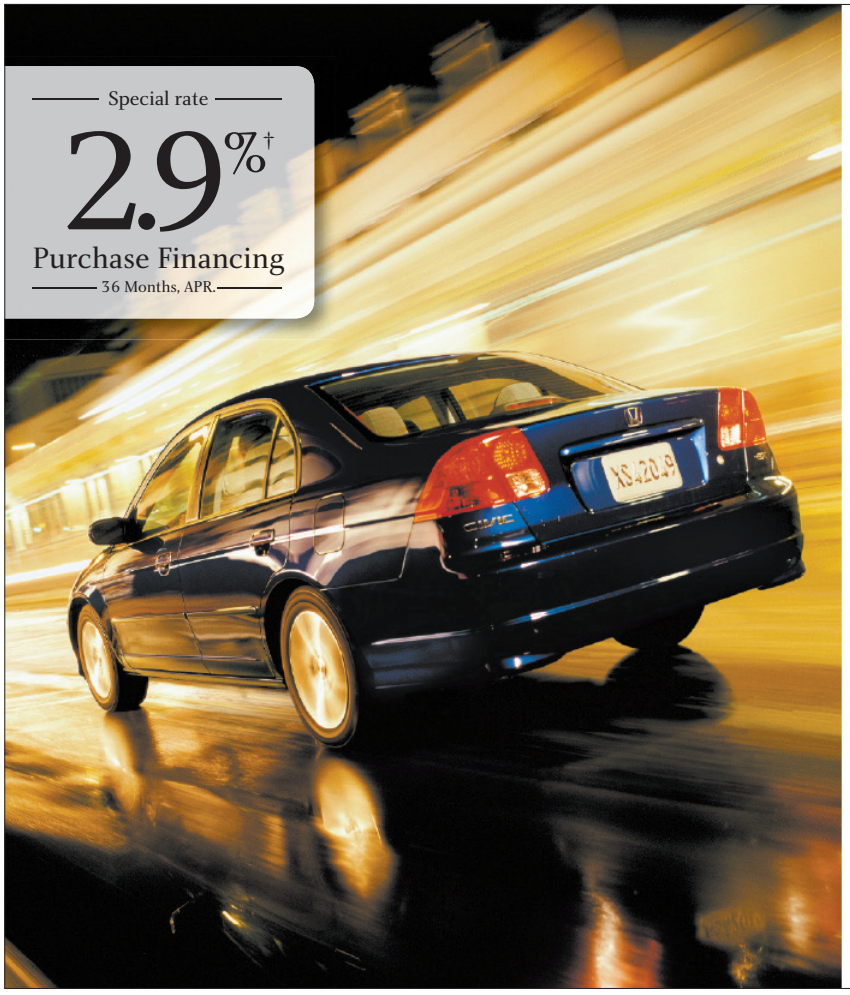
Not surprisingly, affordability, fuel economy, features-per-dollar and practicality were all major reasons that shoppers decided on a Swift + at the time of purchase. Many owners also like the styling, maneuverability and visibility offered by their their machines, too.

What Owners Hate

Common complaints of the Swift + include limited rear-seat room, limited storage space and a choppy ride on some surfaces. Some owners wish for more power and a quieter ride, too.

Common issues

Been driving a manual transmission for years? Considering a Swift + with a stick shift? Be double sure the clutch engages and returns as expected. Check for any clutch slippage or grinding during gear changes, which could indicate a problem with the clutch or the hydraulic system.



It's a used Honda, not a used car.

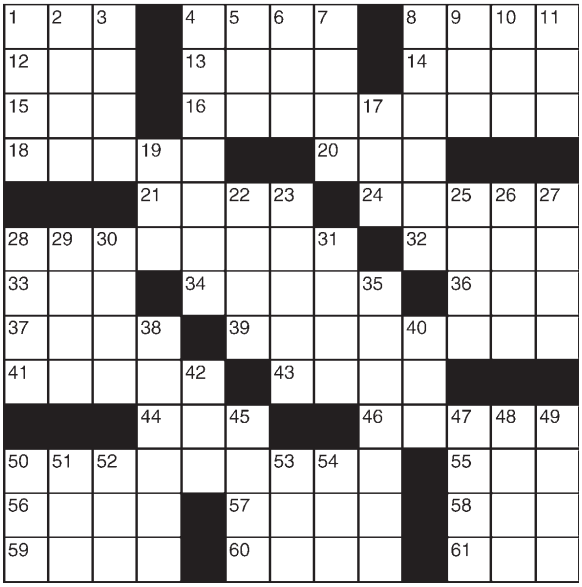
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Crossword



Across

1 Taxi
4 Recedes
8 Quick cut
12 Coloration
13 Small combo
14 Telegram
15 Historic time
16 Mustache type
18 Animal life
20 Help
21 One
24 Transfer
28 Nightspot of a sort
32 "The Thin Man" role
33 Venomous viper
34 Wheels of fortune?
36 Soong — -ling
37 Passel
39 Keyboard feature
41 Largest of the lower 48
43 In due time
44 Meadow
46 Milk dispenser?
50 Mecca for fans, maybe
55 Water (French)
56 Language of Pakistan
57 See 58-Across
58 With 57-Across, Scarecrow's TV partner
59 Agrees silently
60 Eyelid woe
61 Inseparable

Down

1 Gordon Ramsay, e.g.
2 Emanation
3 Suitor
4 Gasoline alternative
5 Support of a sort
6 Crib
7 Pop
8 Stockholm's land
9 Pen point
10 Writer Levin
11 Apiece
17 Cover
19 Sister
22 Wading bird
23 Florida city
25 Barbershop prop
26 Vicinity
27 Den
28 One of the tenses
29 Capri, for one
30 Pinnacle
31 Horse of a different color?
35 Cause of great affliction
38 Seal's cousin
40 Conclusion
42 Collection
45 Requests
47 Showroom sample
48 Deserve
49 Bit of trickery
50 Baltimore newspaper
51 Expert
52 Peculiar
53 Nipped
54 Whatever amount

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

	8	1	3			2		
				5		6		3
5	7				2			4
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	4						3	
9						1		
1			6				5	8
2		7		9				
		8			7	9	4	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	4	7	6	3	2	8	5	1
3	1	5	9	7	8	6	2	4
8	6	2	4	1	5	7	3	9
4	2	8	1	5	6	3	9	7
6	7	3	8	4	9	5	1	2
5	9	1	7	2	3	4	6	8
1	8	9	3	6	7	2	4	5
2	3	4	5	8	1	9	7	6
7	5	6	2	9	4	1	8	3

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DARIN

Sara, I love you more then anything! See you in 9 days beautiful lady! Xoxo
STEPHEN

Sophie L, you are a very special, beautiful, talented girl. I feel so lucky to have you as my daughter. I love you so much.
MOM

Happy 45 months Cathy! I love you <3
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Today	Thursday	Friday
Mainly sunny	Partly cloudy	Thundershowers 80%
33° / 25°	34° / 25°	28° / 22°

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 A family problem that has been worrying you will disappear as if by magic today. The reason it worked itself out was because you did not interfere.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 There are people out there who believe it isn't right that you should speak your mind, that certain words and phrases are unacceptable. That's nonsense. You are free to say what you think any time you like.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Someone has taken advantage of you once too often and now you must cast them into outer darkness — or maybe just cross them off your party list. No matter how much they beg for forgiveness don't give in.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You seem to be hitting all your targets and fulfilling all your ambitions. Good for you, but don't forget that not everyone is having it so easy. What can you do to ease a loved one's pain?.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You have endured a lot in recent weeks but you have to admit that the experience has in some indefinable way made you stronger.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Success comes in many forms, not all of them related to fame and fortune. Your current level of success can be measured by how many friends rally round when you need a helping hand. Yes, you really are that popular.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Make the most of this time. Do something out of the ordinary. Show employers and other important people that you've got what it takes.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will find it very easy to get others to see things your way. The only danger is that if your way is the wrong way they won't be too happy about it. Are you going to let that possibility worry you? Of course not.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to be a bit more ruthless in your business dealings, especially if you like to believe that other people are motivated by kindness and generosity. Sadly, it's not always true.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It may be easy enough to avoid a challenge today but if you do it will only come back at you tomorrow or the day after. It will also give your rivals the impression that you are afraid to act.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't waste time and energy tackling other people's problems when you've got issues of your own that need to be sorted.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Put the finishing touches to something you have been working on for months, maybe even years. It's GOT to be ready in time for the solar eclipse on the 11th.

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